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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, May 7, 1885.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1885.

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Hongkong, May 23, 1885.

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NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

Shanghai, 18th May, 1885.

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 143

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To-day's Advertisements.

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Non TO-DAY.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining after the 10th instant will be
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No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
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Hongkong, June 3, 1885.

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T-O-NIGHT, WEDNESDAY,
June 3d, 1885,
NO PERFORMANCE.

T O - M O R R O W ,
THURSDAY, June 4th, 1885.

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Hongkong, June 3, 1885. 915

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Hongkong, June 3, 1885. 916

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 2, 1885.

W. Phillips, American schooner, 581.

H. J. Putter, Bangtak May 13. Rice and
Timber.—EDWARD SCHILLER & CO.

Flushing, British steamer, 1,017, Dou-
caster, London April 9, and Singapore May

27, General.—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

Onida, American ship, 1,074, F. W.
McGillivray, Saigon May 21. Rice.—CHINESE
Rebilie, British steamer, 2,250, Barratt,
Shanghai May 30. Mails and General-
P. & O. S. N. Co.

June 3:

Kong Beng, British steamer, 862, R.
Jones, Bangkok May 27, General.—YUEN
PAT HOON.

Cleopatra, British corvette, 2,380, Capt.
H. N. Hippisley, Singapore May 26.

Iolani, British steamer, 981, Edwin
Allison, Kuching May 28. Coal.—
ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Gresham, British steamer, 227, W. C.
MacLeod, Pakhoi May 30. Hoihow June 1,
and Macao 3. General.—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

Chandernagor, British barque, from
Whampoa.

Wah Yung, British steamer, 313, Witt,
Beaufort June 1, 1885.

Foosung, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Post Office Notices.

MAILS will close:

FOR AMOY.

Per Cheung Hoek Kiu, at 11.30 a.m., on
the 4th inst.

FOR SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.—

Per Foosung, at 1.30 p.m., on Thurs-
day the 4th inst., instead of as previously
notified.

DEPARTURES.

June 3—

Monica, for Matupi.

Desirative, for Saigon.

Dou Juan, for Amoy and Manila.

Rory, for Swatow and Shanghai.

Humane, for Amoy.

Mongku, for Swatow, Sapporo & Bangkok.

Felicita, for Amoy and Tamsui.

ULVERING,

Oxfordshire, for Yokohama and Hiogo.

Melita, for Haiphong.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

FOR SHANGHAI.—

Per S. S. *Anzio*, on Thursday, the

4th inst. Registry closes at 3.45

p.m. Mail closes at 4 p.m. Late

Letters received from 4.10 to 4.30

p.m. with 10 cents Late Fee. Paid

Correspondence may then be posted in

the movable box on board the

Packet.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKO-

HAMA.—

Per *Kashube*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the

6th June.

MAILED BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Rohilla*

will be despatched on THURSDAY,

the 4th June, with Mails for the United

Kingdom, Europe, and countries be-

yond, via Brindisi; to the Straits Settle-

ment, Batavia, Bengal, Ceylon, India,

Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing

the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet *Oceania*

will be despatched on TUESDAY,

the 9th June, with Mails for Ja-

pan, San Francisco, the United States,

Canada, Honolulu, Pern, &c., which

will be closed as follows:

2.15 p.m. Registry ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-office closes, but Corre-

spondence may be posted on the

Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra.

Postage until the time of departure.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE ENGLISH MAIL

The following hours are observed in closing

the Mails, &c., by the British Contract

Packet:

Day of Departure.—

NON.—Money Order Office closes.

2 p.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m.—Posting of all printed matter and

patterns ceases.

3 p.m.—Mail closed, except for Late

Letters.

3.10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with

Late Fee of 10 cents until 3.30 p.m.

3.30 p.m.—When the Post Office closes

entirely.

3.40 p.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late

Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

THE CHINA MAIL.

noun to our present Consul, Colonel Mosby. Both gentlemen belong to the same State, Virginia, and have been known to each other for many years. Colonel Withers is a man of about 65 years of age, and is a doctor of medicine by profession. During the American civil war he was Colonel of the 18th Virginia Infantry, Pickett's Division, in the Confederate Army. He was a very gallant soldier, and was very badly wounded in the battle of Cold Harbour, near Richmond. After the war was concluded, he became editor of a newspaper in Lynchburg, near Virginia. In 1873, he was elected Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Virginia, and in 1874, he was elected to the United States Senate as member for the same State, and served in that capacity for six years. It is a rather remarkable coincidence that Colonel Withers was one of the members who assisted in confirming Consul Mosby in his appointment to Hongkong.

A rumour seems to have gained currency in the North that, failing the appointment of P. G. von Mollenhoff as Inspector General of Chinese Customs, Mr Detring was likely to obtain the post. Now, although Li Hung Chang is said to have a very high opinion of both the officials named, it may be regarded as certain that the Viceroy Li has neither the desire nor the power of ruling such an appointment. As we have before stated, our conviction is that the post of Inspector-General will be filled by an Englishman, in spite of the opposition of any other Foreign Power. The pro-predance of British trade demands that concession, and Sir Robert Hart will doubtless see that it is carried out ere he leaves his present post to preside over the British Legation. Whoever may be chosen as Inspector-General, the choice will probably be comparatively limited—not more, perhaps, than three officials having the remaining chance. The probabilities regarding the selection of Mr J. H. Hart have been previously touched upon, with the reported predilection which Sir Robert Hart possesses on that point. Mr J. McLeavy Brown has possibly a stronger claim than any one, if capability be taken as a criterion in preference to diplomatic suitability. Mr Breton is the third candidate whose qualifications and chances are worthy of reckoning. It will surprise many who ought to know if neither of these three gentlemen attain to the coveted post referred to. But a Chinese official will assume the headship of the Foreign Customs staff before an officer other than an Englishman succeeds to it.

The Director of the U.S. Mint has fixed the value of a Shanghai tael for Custom House purposes at \$1.17⁵⁰, against a former valuation of \$1.21⁷⁵.

We (N.C. D. News) hear that M. de Berneire has been formally appointed Chinese Secretary in Peking, with the rank of Commissioner. This would scarcely have taken place had not political affairs been pretty nearly settled.

The Courier hears that the Chinese Government has conferred the order of Knight of the Double Dragon, third class, on Mr C. H. O. Poulsen, as a recognition of his services as Professor of the Imperial Telegraph College.

The Prince of Wales will open the International Inventions Exhibition on the 28th inst. Work is actively proceeding at the Chinese Court at the redecorations. Both the Shansi and Japanese Courts, which are near each other in the East Central Gallery, are only just commenced, and will not be ready at the opening.—L. and C. Express.

On Monday, the 18th ultime, a race for 5 oared whale-boats took place between a representative crew from each man-of-war in Singapore harbour, resulting in a win for the English. As these two ships had for some time held the championship for boat races on their respective stations, a second race to decide the important event was arranged for Tuesday, the 27th ultime. It came off at 6 a.m., and amid much excitement, again resulted in a win for the representative of the Australian Squadron.

A PARAGRAPH from the *Cathay Post* on the state of affairs in the Shanghai Police Force under Capt. McEwan and his predecessor, has attracted the attention of the N.C. D. News. In contrasting Captain McEwan as he is said to be now with what he was in Hongkong, the writer in the *Post* says that the Captain Superintendent was set down here amidst a perfect sick of bribery, corruption, and squeezing. The news doubts whether there is any solid foundation for this description of the Police Force before Capt. McEwan came to Shanghai. At any rate, Mr Holiday stated that after carefully examination nothing injurious affecting the character of the officers and men of the old Police Force had been discovered. It is rather too bad, says the *News*, that a liberal on respectable men should thus be promulgated, as it has been. If any authority for the statement has been given by the friends of Capt. McEwan, he should come forward to disclaim any knowledge of it, and this without delay.

THE FATAL BATHING ACCIDENT.

An inquiry was held this afternoon by the Coroner, Mr H. E. Wodehouse, and a jury consisting of Messrs F. Vincento, O. Karberg, and A. Fonseca into the circumstances attending the death of Luis Vas, the Portuguese youth who, as we briefly mentioned last night, was unfortunately drowned in the sluice just above the upper end of Peel Street, near the Robinson Road, last evening. The sluice or "sand sewer" in which the deceased had met his death is a tank constructed for the purpose of stopping and carrying off the streams of water which pour down the hill-side after heavy rains—it is about 25 ft. long by 10 or 15 ft. wide. Steps lead down to the bottom from each side, and in the centre the depth is about 30 feet.

The Coroner and Jury viewed the body

of the deceased at his parents' house, 22 Shelley Street, and then proceeded to the Magistracy, where the enquiry was held.

Dr. W. M. Hartigan, who was called in immediately the body of deceased was recovered, was examined first, and made a statement to the effect that from the appearance of the body death had resulted from drowning. He had seen no marks upon the head of the deceased.

Marcus Vas, a boy of about 9 years of age, and brother to the deceased, was with his brother when the fatal accident occurred. His statement was to the effect that, with the deceased and several other boys to the hillside above Robinson Road. When they came to the tank his brother took off his clothes to bathe in the water; he could not swim. He went down three steps until the water reached his breast, when he slipped and fell. Witness thought he afterwards got on his feet again, but lower down and with his head under water. The other boys could not reach him to render help. A boy named E. Favacho tried to get him out but could not, and the deceased went further in, apparently by sound movement made in the water in trying to reach him. Witness stopped an English gentleman, who was passing on the road, and told him to the spot, but he was unable to do anything. The gentleman called a Chirurgical student, who took off his clothes and dived in after deceased. He succeeded in getting hold of deceased but could not get him out. Afterwards a young man named Franco came and assisted the constable in getting deceased out. He appeared to be dead then and was wrapped in a blanket and taken to his house. He had been in the water about half an hour. Witness had never bathed himself but he believed some of the boys had done so before.

E. Favacho, the boy who tried to rescue deceased, had gone to the hillside to look for another boy when he heard that a boy was drowning in the tank. He ran to the spot and saw deceased standing upright with his head a little under water. Witness pulled off his coat and threw one end of it to deceased and called out to him, but he seemed to be unconscious and took no notice, but was moved further away by the motion of the water.

Li Hung, P. C. 285, who was on duty in Robinson Road, was told of the accident and proceeded to the tank. The body of deceased was then lying at full length at the bottom. Witness took off his clothes and dived to try and get deceased out. He succeeded in this with the assistance of Don Bolero. There were then no signs of life in the body, which was wrapped up in a blanket and carried to his house. No attempt was made on the spot to restore animation.

Inspector Matheson was called to describe the sluice, or sand sewer, and put in a plan of the construction, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning.

'OLD OARSMAN' ON ROWING MATTERS.

I have long silent, and you may perhaps be surprised at my coming out of my shell at the present time, when the thermometer is over 80°, and man is supposed to be without energy. But then you must remember I belong to the old school, who know not what fatigue is, and am a very different mortal from the youth of the present generation, who seem only good at

grumbling. However, my object in writing to you is not to talk about myself, admiring me though I may be, but to say something about my beloved sport—rowing. I am glad to say that the V. R. C. has at length set about forming an A and B class for rowing members. This move has not come too soon, for my ancient blood has often boil ed to see the new pair oars being taken out by members who are as little able to sit them as to ride a dolphin, and who cannot possibly enjoy the use of them, as no boat can be comfortable that is not properly sat. The new rules as to our A-class will put a stop to this misuse of these excellent boats, and I can now watch them being skinned along by oarsmen whose performance will not irritate but please. I have been much struck in my recent visits to the Club at the great increase in the number of rowers, and I see no reason why there should not be 'professional' races at the next regatta, 'professional' being used in the widest sense of the term, for it must be always remembered that the Club is a cosmopolitan one, into which no vicious distinctions should be allowed to creep. The Army has such worthy representatives as Lloyd, Pike, Mills, Daughish, Edmunds, and other recent arrivals, whom I have not yet seen handling an oar but who look likely men. The Navy ought to be very strong, considering the increase in the number of ships. The Civil Service ought not to find it difficult to form a pair with Travers, Hayllar, Mitchell-Innes, Lockhart, and May as a nucleus. The Bankers, led by the Scotch stroke, ought to be dangerous opponents, as should also the Brokers with Angier and Hughes. Glass is a host in himself, and will no doubt be able to find some professional brother ready to give him able support. The lawyers should also be well to the fore. Wood, and Master, with training and practice, would make a first rate pair, as would also Turner and Denison, who might do battle for the Surveyor-architects. Grimble, with almost all the German rowing members to back him, should be able to select a strong mercantile pair. Other combinations will no doubt suggest themselves. I think, however, sufficient has been said to show that there ought to be no difficulty in getting up a 'professional pair-oar race,' which would, I am sure, create no end of interest and healthy rivalry, which always delights the heart of an OLD OARSMAN.

GIROFLE GIROFLA.

It may be interesting to those who propose going to witness the performance of the Opera *Girofle Girofla* at the Theatre Royal to-morrow night to know something of the plot of the piece as explained by a contemporary—

Don Bolero, a Spanish grandee, of as

est gait, is the happy father of two lovely daughters, twin, and so much alike that to enable even their parents to tell them apart, one habitually wears a blue ribbon, the other a pink. These two young ladies are loved, *Girofle* by the son of Marasquin, a rich banker and *Girofle* by a warlike Moorish gentleman, whose territories march on those of Don Bolero. The two marriages are especially acceptable to Don Bolero, as he owes a large sum of money to Marasquin Pore; and the fiery Moor, thwarted, at once ravages the lands of his peaceful Spanish neighbour. The day for the double wedding arrives, and young Marasquin first puts in an appearance, claims his bride, and is made a happy man; the approach of the Moor is already signalised, a sudden raid on Don Bolero's peaceful villa, and, after indulging in a chorus, after the manner of the conspirators in *Hamlet*, proceed to carry off *Girofle*. The ardent Moor is at hand, and is a touchy customer. What is to be done? *Girofle* must personate her lost sister for the ceremony. Mr Caldwell stated that, as the first point was concerned, he did not require the attendance of the witness who was mentioned. Therefore, on that point, he was prepared to go with the police to-day, and, upon that statement I made the order.

Mr Francis said his solicitor distinctly informed him that he had not consented to anything. His solicitor had said he submitted to the order, after he had no power to protest or do anything further.

His Lordship.—Before I made any order I asked your solicitor whether he was prepared to go with the trial on the two questions which I mentioned. After Mr Caldwell said he was, I pointed out that according to subsection 18 of section 82 of the Code, the Court had power to proceed to enquire whether in fact the plaintiff's case was within the provisions relating to foreign attachment. I pointed out to him two points, one, whether the defendant was a beneficiary entitled to any land or other property in the Colony and whether the case arose within the jurisdiction. Mr Caldwell stated that, as far as the first point was concerned, he did not require the attendance of the witness who was mentioned. Therefore, on that point, the three men, when taken to the police-station, were found to be in possession of two *Girofle* runner's badges and one *Girofle* runner's coat; while one of them was recognised as an old thief who had served two months in the chain-gang. The police at first preferred a charge against the Moor, but he was abandoned, and the men were simply charged with robbery. The case was first heard on Wednesday, and was then adjourned for two days. Yesterday, Huang, the Acting Magistrate, after putting one or two questions to the prosecutor in a very off-hand manner, said he believed the man was lying, and he should discharge the prisoner. Mr Giles, who was sitting as Assessor, did not object to the man being dismissed, but said they ought at least to be cautioned and told that they had been engaged with a thief. The case was then adjourned with the order that the men were simply charged with robbery.

Mr Francis said he was afraid there had been some mistake made, as his solicitor had said he did not consent to the order. His Lordship had expressed his desire and will on the subject, and the solicitor had nothing further to say. The order directed that certain issues should be tried or disposed of, but he, Mr Francis, certainly could not be a party to the matter, because it was completely opposite to the order of procedure.

The Attorney General submitted that the rule must be interpreted with some regard to common sense and reason. If his friend's contention was right, what came to this was: When the Court had set a case down for hearing, and it suited another party that might apply in Chambers to have the hearing postponed and they were refused, they would have the right to appeal to the Full Court. He submitted that it was only intended that parties should have the right to appeal from orders made in the hearing, and that the idea of their appealing to the Court, as a right, from every interlocutory judgment, was absurd.

Mr Francis argued that the rule must be interpreted with some regard to common sense and reason. If his friend's contention was right, what came to this was: When the Court had set a case down for hearing, and it suited another party that might apply in Chambers to have the hearing postponed and they were refused, they would have the right to appeal to the Full Court.

Residents here are anxiously wishing for the rains to begin, as the heat lately has been intense and many are reduced to their last jar of drinking water. It is feared that sickness will be prevalent in some form if the drought continues much longer.

The fire continued burning until the night of the 21st, when the ship suddenly sank, in about six fathoms of water. The wreck is to be sold by auction to-day.

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On the 25th, a ball was given at H. B. M. Legation in honour of H. M. birthday. The invitations were limited, to the disappointment of a good many, but those present had a very enjoyable time.

The British barque *Amrit* will dock next week, when the S. S. *Tenerife*, *Rabbis*, and *Police Hulk* will be discharged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PROMENADE CONCERTS AT THE GARDENS.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, June 3rd, 1855.

Sir,—In your Friday's issue I read with pleasure the letter re Promenade Concerts in the Public Gardens and I am glad to see that some one has taken a step in the right direction, knowing the severity of entertainment in Hongkong and also that during the summer months the heat that prevails is great indeed that one is glad to get out doors of an evening, it would be a great service to be able to attend the gardens more frequently and bear sweet music di-coursed similar to that given the other night. The illuminations would not cost much and would greatly enhance the pleasure of the concert. With respect to the subscription, I am confident there would not be much trouble in procuring a large number of subscribers if the subject were properly taken up by some of our leading influential residents. I do not wish to impose upon the good nature of the Bandmaster and his assistants, but think that any balance that might remain from the illuminating fund would be very acceptable and would be a slight acknowledgement of the appreciation of the public generally for the extra work entailed thereby. Thanking you in anticipation for inserting this and enclosing my card.

I am, Sir,

Yours truly,

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IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour E. J. Ackroyd, Justice of the Peace.)

Wednesday, June 3.

WONG SHING HING v. DA KOKA AND OTHERS.—\$100,000.

Mr Francis, instructed by Mr Caldwell for the plaintiff, and the Attorney General (the Hon. E. L. O'Malley), instructed by Messrs Wootton and Deacon, represented defendant.

This case was set down for hearing this morning.

COMPLAINT FOR TRESPASS.

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OPINION AND CLOTHING to the value of \$3425, on the 20th inst., on the high seas. The prisoners reserved their defence and were committed for trial at the Supreme Court, being accepted in two sureties of \$250 each for each defendant.

The woman Li Ut Kin, who was charged

with being in possession of a ball of opium supposed to have been a portion of the cargo of the pirated junk, was discharged.

(Before E. Mackean, Esq.)

UNLAWFUL ROBBERY.

CHAN ASHING AND SUN TAIK PUK, boat-builders of Kowloon, were convicted of being in unlawful possession of two pieces of hardware, value about \$72, on the 15th inst., and were fined \$25 each, the wood to be returned to the owner if found.

THE MIXED COURT AT SHANG-HAI.

THE CHINESE ASSESSOR ASSAULTED BY THE MAGISTRATE.

The N.-C. D. News of the 30th ultimo says:—An extraordinary scene occurred at the Mixed Court yesterday morning, the conduct of the magistrate fairly eclipsing anything which has been seen here since the Court was established. The case out of which the occurrence arose was a petty charge of loitering for a felonious purpose brought against three men by a Chinese clerk in the employ of Mr. Cory. The three men, when taken to the police-station, were found to be in possession of two *Girofle* runner's badges and one *Girofle* runner's coat; while one of them was recognised as an old thief who had served two months in the chain-gang. The police at first preferred a charge against the Moor, but he was abandoned, and the men were simply charged with robbery.

Mr Francis said he had thought both his Lordship and Mr Caldwell must have proceeded entirely without reference to the law. He proceeded to argue that the procedure which had been adopted could only appear in *ex parte* suits, and not in cases where defendants had obtained leave to come in and defend and file their answers. He then said that if the case went on to-day, he should simply go on with the whole case, and decline to go into any special issues. There had been no summons issued for special issues and he was not prepared to take them. He thought if His Lordship looked over the ordinance again, he would find there had been a slight misapprehension. After some further argument, Mr Francis again made reference to the fact that his Lordship had made an order that certain matters should be done on order to day, and that the men were simply charged with robbery.

His Lordship said—With the concurrence of your solicitor.

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His Lordship had expressed his desire and will on the subject, and the solicitor had nothing further to say. The order directed that certain issues should be tried or disposed of, but he, Mr Francis, certainly could not be a party to the matter, because it was completely opposite to the order of procedure.

The Attorney General submitted that the rule must be interpreted with some regard to common sense and reason. If his friend's contention was right, what came to this was: When the Court had set a case down for hearing, and it suited another party that might apply in Chambers to have the hearing postponed and they were refused, they would have the right to appeal to the Full Court.

In the course of his argument, the Attorney General complained of the immense inconvenience and delay which would arise in appealing to the Full Court.

Mr Francis.—It is a great inconvenience on the part of the judges going on leave without a vacation.

Ultimately it was agreed to adjourn the case until to-morrow, when, if plaintiff's witness is present, the hearing will probably be proceeded with.

THE SEIZURE OF THE 'WATERLEY.'

The Mercury of the 27th ultimo contains the following further information regarding the seizure of the *Waterley*:

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